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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 858
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Shane Buchanan and the Dickson County Lady Cougars Softball team upon winning the 2002 TSSAA Class AAA State Championship.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are always pleased to recognize the awesome accomplishments of this state's outstanding high school athletic teams; and

WHEREAS, the fearsome Lady Cougars of Dickson County High School have concluded an excellent 43-5 season by capturing the 2002 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship; and

WHEREAS, after opening the District 10 AAA tournament with victories over Rossview (2-0) and Henry County (1-0), the Lady Cougars clinched the District 10-AAA Tourney Championship with a victory over Rossview (3-0); the Lady Cougars bested Mt. Juliet in Region 5 AAA play (5-0), but fell to a stubborn Beech team (1-2) to finish second in the Regional Tournament; and

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WHEREAS, the Lady Cougars next won a close Class AAA Sectional battle over Brentwood (5-4); entering into State Tournament action, the Dickson team defeated Oakland (5-4), Bolton (3-2) and Soddy Daisy (1-0) in succession; and

WHEREAS, on May 24th, they first lost to Maryville (0-3) and then beat them decisively the following day (8-4); this final victory allowed the awesome Lady Cougars to claim the prestigious title of State Champions; and

WHEREAS, Shane Buchanan, the Lady Cougars' Head Coach, has done an exemplary job of molding the stupendous individual talent on the squad into a well-oiled, fluid machine totally immersed in the team concept; and

WHEREAS, Assistant Coach Tony Haddock and Principal Ralph Overton have also provided valuable leadership and instruction to the Lady Cougars; and

WHEREAS, each of the Lady Cougars, eighteen strong, share equally in the glory and the prestige that are the bounty of State Champions; these worthy young ladies are: Seniors Erin Haggard, Tiffani Whittle, Ashley Caldwell, Tresa Rodgen, Jessica Shepherd, and Tara Robinson; Juniors Amy Rine, Fallon Felts, Ashley Fields, Erin Gonzales and Chrystal Byard; Sophomores Taylor Newberry, Lyndsey Whitaker, Kelly Larkins, and heather McClendon; and Freshmen Ashley Fincher, Heidi Wilson, and Ashley Myatt; and

WHEREAS, the Dickson County High School Lady Cougars have distinguished themselves as some of the best and brightest student-athletes in the Volunteer State, and they should be commended for claiming this most esteemed honor for their school, their fellow students and their community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and congratulate Coach Shane Buchanan and the Dickson County High School Lady Cougars on winning the 2002 TSSAA Class AAA State Softball Championship, salute their excellence both on and off the field of play, and extend to

these remarkable young ladies our best wishes for much continued success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.